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Battle at home rages on

After 7 years, 93 soldiers' lives and \$7B, Canadians still split on Afghan war

LAURA EGGERTSON
for Metro Canada

Seven years after joining the war efforts in Afghanistan, voices across the country debate the rising costs, both human and economic, of a conflict that rivals the Second World War in length.

In October 2001, Canada joined the U.S.-led War on Terrorism by launching Operation Apollo in response to the attack on the Twin Towers in New York City. To date, more than 20,000 Canadian Forces personnel have served in Afghanistan's shifting sands, with some soldiers on their second or third tours of duty. Canada has lost 93 soldiers, diplomat Glyn Berry, and aid workers Shirley Case and Jacqueline Kirk. Close to 300 other soldiers have been wounded in action, some losing limbs to incendiary explosive devices.

"From an army as small as Canada's ... that's a lot of people," says Martin Shadwick, a defence analyst at Toronto's York University. "That's a considerable investment that has been made in life and limb, and certainly in national human treasure — and in money."

As of March 31, according to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Canada has spent more than \$7 billion on the war, including the cost of salaries, food and equipment for the troops. Those figures are based on



Cpl. Kris Evong from Porters Lake, N.S., is hugged by his wife, Kelly, as he kisses his son Gage, 2, and prepares to deploy to Afghanistan in January 2007. Evong was one of about 120 soldiers who shipped out as part of Joint Task Force Afghanistan Rotation 3.

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James Clark, Toronto Coalition to Stop the War

the Defence Department's own budgetary Estimates to Parliament.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay has said Canada is protecting Canadian interests, by stabilizing Afghanistan to strengthen international security.

Those opposed to the war question whether Canada is

meeting its own definitions of success.

"All of the arguments that we were told — restoring democracy, defending women's rights — none of these things have happened," says James Clark of the Toronto Coalition to Stop the War, a member of the Canadian Peace Al-

liance. "The composition of the Afghan government is mainly made up of warlords and drug lords who have atrocious human rights records."

But other organizations, including Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, insist Canadians make a difference.

"Yes, it is worth it," says Janis Rapchuk, a board member of the Calgary-based organization. She cites the increasing number of children in schools, and women taking human

and teachers' training.

Pollsters say Canadians continue to be divided about Canada's presence in Afghanistan, with a slight majority favouring withdrawal if the Canadian casualty count grows. The intensity of those positions will likely deepen with further casualties, says Nik Nanos, president of Ottawa-based Nanos Research.

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Heritage Gas seeks 8.4% hike

BILL Heritage Gas is asking the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for a rate hike of up to 8.4 per cent, spread over three years.

That would see residential customers' monthly bill rise from \$165 to \$175 by next year. The natural-gas provider said the hike is needed to cover "soaring" construction costs and a better understanding of costs and revenues five years into the venture.

"It's clear customers are using less fuel than expected because of increased efficiency and conservation measures," said president Ray Ritcey.

"These are substantial increases, but they are necessary. As a regulated, cost-of-service utility, when our costs rise we have to pass those along to our customers."

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Cecil to talk Tasers, youth

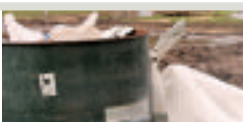
CRIME The justice minister will bring Tasers and youth crime to the table during a Quebec City meeting with provincial and federal counterparts this week.

Justice Minister Cecil Clarke sent out a press release yesterday saying he will share the findings of a June panel on the use of Tasers, and his views of the Youth Criminal Justice Act review. The province is collecting names on a petition to strengthen the federal Youth Criminal Justice Act. Some of the key recommendations include naming repeat young offenders and giving the courts more flexibility to detain youth before trial.

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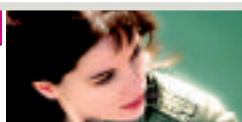


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Teachers union has new prez

It's official: Alexis Allen is the 42nd president of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. The union represents 10,900 members working in public schools and community colleges. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Rain repairs on N.S. roads

Road crews are busy repairing washouts and road damage caused by the weekend rains. Areas particularly hard hit were Spry Bay, Chezzetcook, Middle Musquodoboit, as well as Pictou and Inverness counties. Repair costs are expected to flood over \$1 million. **METRO HALIFAX**

Local producer featured in PC brand TV ads

COMMERCIAL A local producer says it was an honour to be selected as one of five across the country and the only one from Atlantic Canada to be featured in a national TV campaign for Loblaw's President's Choice brand, promoting field-fresh produce. Nova Agri President and CEO Earl Kidston said Loblaw's executive chairman Galen Weston and a film crew visited Sheffield Mills in late July to shoot the commercial, which has aired nationally on several occasions on different networks, including during prime-time Olympic coverage on CBC. Kidston said it took about half a day to shoot. **METRO HALIFAX**

News in brief

THEFT Robbed of his new laptop, a man was left with a black eye yesterday afternoon. At around 4:30 p.m., a man who was walking out of Futuresshop in Bayers Lake was assaulted and robbed. Police found the laptop, but were still searching for the suspect yesterday.

ACCIDENT Police are asking for the public's help to identify a driver involved in a collision with a pedestrian. Police put out the call yesterday for information on an Aug. 6th incident where a 38-year-old man was hit on a crosswalk on Albro Lake Road just east of Victoria Road between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The driver asked the man if he was OK, then drove off. The victim went home and then to the hospital. He called police the next day. The victim described the vehicle as blue and the driver as a woman in her 30s wearing large glasses. Police are asking the driver or any witnesses to contact them at 490-5016.

DRUG BUST Digby RCMP used a helicopter to find three 'significant' marijuana growing operations in the Weymouth area. They seized 183 plants from the three locations. The estimated street value of the plants is pegged at \$150,000. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Owner says tag pets

JON TATTRE for Metro Halifax

A pet cat was euthanized less than two hours after Animal Control picked it up, leaving a distressed owner and a reminder of the importance of tags.

Jean and Paul Hanlon's 17-year-old pet Ducky slipped out of their Dartmouth house around 6 p.m. one day last month and was reported as a stray soon after.

A frantic search finally located the cat at Burnside's Metro Emergency Animal Clinic, but he had already been put down. The cat was not wearing tags and didn't have an implanted chip, so the clinic could not contact the owner.

Jean was out volunteering and came home after 11 p.m. to find her cat had been put down.

"All I could do at that point was scream and cry," she said yesterday. "When we got to the clinic, I just banged on the door and screamed, 'You killed my cat! I was beside myself.'"

Hanlon said staff were kind to her and let her in to collect the remains of



Jean Hanlon looks at a photo of her cat Ducky yesterday. Ducky was euthanized by Animal Control two hours after he was picked up last month.

her pet. Ducky was in a dove-covered box wrapped in a green blanket.

Deborah Story, speaking for Animal Control, said they had a report of an injured cat and collected Ducky. He was taken to the clinic rather than an SPCA shelter because it

was after hours.

"The veterinarian checked out the cat and advised that it was best to euthanize that cat," Story said. "There was nothing to identify the owner."

Ordinarily, there would be a 72-hour waiting period in the shelter. In this

case, the vet found the cat's health was poor enough to require it being put down.

Hanlon now encourages cat owners to get their pets tagged or chipped. If one cat is saved, she said, "Ducky will not have died in vain."

Looking for true feline fanciers

ADOPTIONS While Animal Control and the SPCA are the main options for found cats, some are too wild to go that route.

Enter Sonja Higgins. The Eastern Passage woman runs an unofficial shelter for feral cats. With 18 now, there is no shortage of cats, but Higgins is on the prowl for owners.

"I'm really desperate for adoptions," Higgins said yesterday. She also said the cats are for true "cat fanciers" who don't expect a lap cat right away.

She's also looking for volunteers to help with the cats and fundraising. Those willing to help can call her at 469-6369.

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Heavy rains cause spin-off effects

AGRICULTURE Persistent rainfall saturating hay fields could also flood livestock markets. Joe Ebbett, a North Shore farmer and president of the Pictou-Colchester North Federation of Agriculture, said a shortage of hay could cause feed prices to rise astronomically, forcing farmers to cut the size of their herds, inversely causing beef prices to plummet. "If there is no hay, the price is going to be driven up and it's going to create more of a hardship on livestock farmers," said Ebbett. He estimated many farmers have only harvested between 20 to 50 per cent of their usual yield because of unrelenting rainfall. **METRO HALIFAX**



Urban mess

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Saturday's Keith Urban concert left a churned up muddy mess at the Halifax Common.

City planner Peter Bigelow says a week of heavy rain is to blame.

"This isn't anything that we're not accustomed to dealing with," he says.

"We'll repair this. We see this kind of damage all the time on our sports fields from even just football, rugby and soccer. It's just a little more dramatic because it was a larger event and there's more of it."

Bigelow says the site should be levelled and reseeded next week.

He says it should look back to its usual state in time for play in the spring.

Bigelow says the city won't be footing the bill for the repairs.

While he wasn't able to say exactly how much the repair will cost, he said a Halifax Common restoration fee was factored into each ticket sold, which more than covers the damage.

The Rolling Stones concert caused similar damage when they played for an audience of 50,000 during heavy rain in 2006.

Bigelow says last weekend's concert caused more damage behind the stage than in the audience area.

About 30,000 people attended.



City crews yesterday worked to clean up the overflowing garbage cans and churned-up mud left by Saturday's Country Rocks concert.

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What's online today.

Watch as friends and family gather to mark the ten-year anniversary of the crash of Swissair flight 111. Also, actor Jon Voight unleashes a tirade against Barack Obama at the Republican national convention **Play** online Jumble Jong and Word Roundup!

A few locals will have to dust off their tuxedos in November. Film Nova Scotia sent out congratulations yesterday to two Halifax-based productions, *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, and *Heads Up!* were nominated for Gemini Awards. **METRO HALIFAX**

Lowly penny feeling the pinch

Coffee shop causes stir by ditching the copper coin

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax



A downtown coffee house's decision to drop the penny has garnered national media attention.

Just Us on Spring Garden Road has been quietly rounding cash purchases

"I guess people are just really interested in pennies."

Ned Zimmerman

up and down to avoid the pocket-bulging penny. But the story is now running across Canada.

"I guess people are just really interested in pennies," said a bemused Ned Zimmerman yesterday.

"Everyone really likes the idea. It speeds everything up," the supervisor of the fair-trade cafe explained. "When you're not counting out two pennies every time somebody

gets a coffee, it makes a big difference."

The shop will still accept the copper coins if a customer insists on paying in pennies.

The abolition idea came from a staff member who had spotted a "penny-free zone" in another business. They started to consider it seriously in the spring, when a bill to ditch pennies went before parliament.

NDP MP Pat Martin introduced the cent-scraping bill to save the country money. Each penny costs about 1.5 cents to produce, totalling \$130 million a year. It's before the standing committee on finance and should be dealt with before Christmas, barring a federal election.

"We found ourselves spending a lot of time rolling pennies to take to the bank and going to get pennies from the bank," said Zimmerman. "We thought, 'We could be using our time to serve customers.'"

Just Us also charges for plastic bags and is looking at switching to biodegrad-



Ned Zimmerman counts the change — but not the pennies — at Just Us on Spring Garden Road yesterday.

able bags.

"We try to push the envelope," said Zimmerman. "Anything that will let us be more socially or environmentally sustainable, we're willing to look at it."

Customer Richard Hitchens paid a twoonie and a nickel for his \$2.03 large coffee yesterday.

"It's fine with me," he said. "It's one less thing to have clogging up your pockets."

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Construction has parents worried

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SAFETY Sharon MacDonald isn't allowing her children to walk to school alone this year.

The west-end Halifax mother of three says the city's Chebucto Road-widening project makes her kids' 10-minute walk to school downright treacherous.

"Now, I would never let him walk there. It's just so wide now and with the cars coming so fast," said MacDonald, whose sons are in Grade 7 at St. Agnes Junior High and Grade 3 at Westmount School.

"Even last year, I don't know how many times I was walking with them and cars just wouldn't even stop."

This year, she — or her husband — will walk their boys or give them a ride,

"Even last year, I don't know how many times I was walking with them and cars just wouldn't even stop."

Sharon MacDonald

which MacDonald says is sad because it means more cars on the road.

City spokeswoman Deborah Story said two crossing guards will be on duty to help students cross at Mumford Road, MacDonald Street and Leppert Street.

MacDonald says she's pleased about that, but it doesn't ease her apprehension.

She and says two crossing guards at either side of Chebucto are necessary.

Sarah Crawley, whose kids are in Grades 1, 4 and 6 at Westmount School, agrees. She says the pedestrian walk signal isn't long enough either, especially now that the street is wider.

Crawley says she's also

disappointed the project isn't complete in time for school and that it increases the risk for pedestrians.

Story said construction was supposed to wrap up before school started, but is running a few weeks behind due to tendering problems, protests and bad weather.

The project was at a standstill for a few weeks in June when council defeated a motion to approve the \$2.08-million tender.

On July 4 and 7, police made nine arrests as workers cut down trees on Chebucto Road to make way for the project.

The city's road-widening project is expected to be complete in early October.

News in brief

AGRICULTURE The province is seeking federal help following a series of rainstorms that had caused hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage to vegetable crops

on Bouladerie Island in early August. Nova Scotia Agriculture Minister Brooke Taylor and Tory MLA Keith Bain met with federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz. "Rainfall was

more than twice the normal amount and hit crops and other produce to the tune of 50 or 60 per cent losses," Taylor said in a release.

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Anti-bullying play hits local schools

Coming to a school near you, In Pink is a play which tells the story of two teenagers who stood up to bullies by wearing pink. The production will be visiting schools in the province this month, with a special performance for anti-bullying day September 11th. **METRO HALIFAX**

Jumping at fundraising opportunity

FUNDRAISING For one day each year in September, the streets of Halifax are filled with Dalhousie students in strange outfits doing outlandish acts for money, and it's all for a good cause.

Yesterday was the 43rd annual Shinerama campaign, Canada's largest post-secondary student fundraiser.

Student volunteers took up spots across HRM shining, shoes, singing songs, and performing acrobatic stunts, all to raise money for cystic fibrosis research.

The Dalhousie Student Union hopes to raise at least \$52,000 this year, a \$4,000 increase over last year. Even before yesterday they'd raised about \$8,000 from early donations, including one from Democracy 250.

University of King's College students were also out yesterday holding their own fundraiser for Halifax Search and Rescue.

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First year Dalhousie student Ian Whittaker leaps over fellow student Allan Belliveau as part of the 43rd annual Shinerama campaign yesterday.

Cuts hurt N.S. arts: Premier

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Fall for the Arts

• The premier's comments come just before today's Fall for the Arts, a celebration of local arts and culture to be held at noon at Pier 21.

A fiddler from Mabou is the latest artist to condemn Stephen Harper for cutting arts funding.

But this fiddler, Premier Rodney MacDonald, yesterday released a letter he'd written to Harper condemning the \$44.8 million cut from arts and culture programs across the country.

"Those cuts are going to have an effect on Nova Scotian artists and Nova Scotian musicians, and that's going to impact industry growth," said MacDonald. "We have upwards of 30,000 people in the cultural industry here, and we need to take every opportunity to grow that."

The funding cuts were first announced three weeks ago as a cost-cutting measure. The government has repeatedly defended the move as a way to slash inefficient programs. But the move spurred an outcry from arts communities and

the general public across the country.

MacDonald said local artists, programs and events such as the East Coast Music Awards could be impacted by the cuts. He said this could lead to thousands or millions of dollars of arts revenue being lost, out of the approximately 1.2 billion it generates each year.

MacDonald said he was waiting for all the facts to come out and denied accusations of entering the debate weeks too late.

"I don't mind speaking out against the federal government or any other federal party if I think it's going to have an impact on Nova Scotia," he said.

Cops crack down on school-zone speeders

SAFETY Like a swarm of locusts, students of all ages flood the municipality once September rolls around.

To prepare, both the Halifax Regional Police and RCMP are launching programs to crack down on drivers who speed through school zones.

HRP is launching Operation School Zone, in which officers will target speeding vehicles as well as crosswalks near schools, universities and colleges.

In August, 500 speeding tickets were given out.

The RCMP is also assigning more staff to school zones to make sure motorists follow the law.

Police are also reminding people new to the province who enjoy cycling, rollerblading and skateboarding that Nova Scotia law requires helmets to be worn during all wheeled activities.

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News in brief

EDUCATION Acadia University will gain access to an extensive body of national and international social sciences and

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universities. Acadia will be one of 67 universities in Canada that will be able to access the database. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Canada's Mission in Afghanistan



Father's resolve strong

Questions arise, but as dust settles, Jim Davis supports Afghan mission

LINDSAY JONES
Metro Halifax

As the death toll in Afghanistan nears the morbid milestone of 100, the father of one fallen soldier says it only strengthens his resolve.

Jim Davis, whose son, Cpl. Paul Davis, was the first to die under Canadian command in 2006, says 93 soldiers is an awful price to pay, but the Afghan people need the chance to live in peace.

"You do question yourself — am I too caught up in it, too emotional? But as the dust settles, and the more I learn about the mission, the more I become convinced. ... If we don't stay the course then we might as well pack it in from anywhere in the world and go home," Davis said.

Paul Davis, 28, was killed March 2, 2006, when his first armoured vehicle (LAV III) collided with a taxi and flipped twice.

Davis recalls the phone call he received that day from a father who had re-



Jim Davis of Bridgewater and his son, Cpl. Paul Davis, 28, who was killed March 2, 2006, when his LAV III collided with a taxi and flipped twice while he was serving in Afghanistan.

cently received the same news.

"In a strange way, it gave me some hope. Here was a man who suffered the same loss I did and he could still pick up the phone and give

me a call," Davis said.

That call eventually encouraged him to get involved with the military peer support program Helping Others by Providing Empathy (HOPE).

The program has taken him to Kandahar province where he and his wife visited the place Paul died. The same soldier who tried to save Paul escorted them.

"He was giving CPR to my

"Nobody can help another parent unless you know what they're feeling. There's an instant bond. It never gets better. You just learn how to cope with it."

Jim Davis

son and he had a broken neck while he was doing that," Davis said, his voice breaking. "These guys are heroes. They're real heroes."

As well as attending HOPE workshops, he spends hours on the phone talking to parents of fallen soldiers. He flies across the country to support them — a calling that also helps his own grieving.

"Nobody can help another parent unless you know what they're feeling. There's an instant bond," he says.

"It never gets better. You just learn how to cope with it."

Better communication needed, analyst says

KATHRYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Better communication between civilians and military could reduce the number of Canadian deaths in Afghanistan, says a Pearson Peacekeeping Centre research analyst who spent four and a half months there this year.

Aleisha Arnusch was invited by NATO's Allied Command Transformation to share her expertise in civilian-military co-ordination, to help resolve a rec-

ognized gap in communications between the two sides. The problem, she says, is more acute in Afghanistan than elsewhere because they work together more closely on projects such as provincial

reconstruction teams, which build schools, health clinics and roads.

"There's a need to co-ordinate more," said Arnusch, who helps the Carleton University-based centre in Ottawa develop its programs to train civilians, military and police from around the world.



Sgt. Roxanne Clowe from the Canadian Provincial Reconstruction Team visits with an Afghan woman and a child.

Challenges remain for Afghan women

KATE CARRAWAY
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Wars reveal long-standing social problems. Such is the case with women's rights in Afghanistan.

Lauryn Oates is a Vancouver-based project director with the Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan organization and a freelance consult-

ant on gender equity and human rights. She says the implications of Afghan customs on women's lives are serious. "Girls may not be permitted to study at the secondary level, or women may not be allowed to leave their homes unaccompanied by a male relative," Oates said.

But she says hope exists.

"The lifting of the Taliban's many misogynist edicts changed things significantly," she said. "Now there are millions of girls back in school. Women can access health care now (they were forbidden from doing so under the Taliban). The Afghan economy is booming and women are finding small windows into economic participation."

Facts on Canada's Afghan mission

Currently serving:

2,500 Canadian Forces personnel in Afghanistan, part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force.

Past service: Close to 20,000 Forces personnel have served in Afghanistan.

Canadian deaths: 93 soldiers

Diplomats killed: Glyn Berry, as a result of a car bomb Jan. 15, 2006, when he was travelling southeast of Kandahar City.

Aid workers killed:

Jacqueline Kirk and Shirley Case, Aug. 13, 2008.

Afghan civilians killed:

The Canadian Defence Department does not keep figures on the number of Afghans killed or injured, says

spokesperson Lt. Isabelle Riché. University of New Hampshire professor Marc Herold, tallying the deaths from public sources, puts the figures at 6,465 (conservative estimate) to 7,689 Afghan civilians killed as a direct results of U.S./NATO actions between October 2001 and Aug. 29, 2008.

Canadian soldiers injured: 280 wounded in action, as of Dec. 31, 2007; 395 non-battle-related injuries while serving in Afghanistan.

Full cost: \$7 billion as of March 31, 2008, according to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, based on Defence Department Estimates; includes cost of feeding, transporting and equipping Canadian Forces' personnel.

Incremental cost (operational cost):

\$3 billion.

Duration of mission:

The Harper government has said Canada will stay in Afghanistan until 2011.

Other coalition forces:

40 nations have contributed troops, including the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, Australia and Italy.

Children in school:

7 million today, versus 1.2 million in 2001. Today, 2 million of those schoolchildren are girls, according to NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

Access to health care:

Up to 83 per cent of Afghans have access to basic health care, according to NATO, versus 8 per cent in 2001.

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News in brief

MEDIA How is the national media covering Canada's mission in Afghanistan? Enormously. Influence Communication, a Montreal-based media analysis group, says 170 articles about the mission are published per day in Canada, with 41,000 since Jan. 1. Coverage of subjects, in order of resonance with readers, are: Canadian

losses; the role of the U.S. and NATO; reports with local angles; statements from politicians; details about military operations; and, finally, Afghan civilian casualties, which, according to the group, account for only two per cent of the content.

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General's words

"When a soldier steps on foreign soil in a high-risk environment, every single Canadian should be walking with him or her." — Former Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada's Mission in Afghanistan

Canada's fallen heroes

A look back at those who paid the ultimate sacrifice between 2002 and 2008



Sapper Stephan Stock



Cpl. Dustin Wasden



Sgt. Shawn Eades



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Cpl. Étienne Gonthier



Trooper Richard Renaud



Warrant Officer Hani Massouh



Cpl. Éric Labbé



Gunner Jonathan Dion



Pte. Michel Lévesque



Cpl. Nicolas R. Beauchamp



Cpl. Nathan Hornburg



Maj. Raymond Ruckpaul



Master Cpl. Christian Duchesne



Master Warrant Officer Mario Mercier



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Pte. Nathan Smith

Nunavut's new \$10-an-hour minimum wage will take effect this Friday, an increase of \$1.50 over its current \$8.50. That will make it the highest minimum hourly rate in Canada. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

"He will develop Canada's capacity for a new era of prestige."

Industry Minister Jim Prentice speaking about Steve Maclean's, right, appointment as head of the CSA.



New course

Astronaut Steve MacLean, who flew on two space shuttle missions to the International Space Station, will chart a new course as the head of Canadian Space Agency. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Tories within reach of majority: Poll

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion dismissed a poll yesterday that showed he was headed for defeat in an election expected for next month, saying he was determined to win.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, whose Conservatives won a minority government in January 2006,

is expected to request the dissolution of Parliament this week and call an election for Oct. 14.

A Strategic Counsel poll showed the Conservatives had the backing of 37 per cent of voters, close to the 40 per cent threshold that experts say gives them a strong chance of winning a majority.

Economy over environment

• The Strategic Counsel poll said 15 per cent of voters felt the environment would be the most important issue in the

forthcoming election compared with 20 per cent who were most concerned by the slowing economy.

"Polls are like surveys. They come and they go. What remains is our de-

termination to win this election for Canadians," Dion told reporters in

Regina.

Strategic Counsel put the Liberals at 29 per cent and the left-leaning New Democrats at 17.

The environmentalist Greens came in with nine percent.

Recent surveys by other polling companies showed the two top parties were tied.

Harper, who says Parliament has become dysfunctional, met Dion on Monday and asked him to back the government until October 2009.

Dion refused and said Harper and the Tories want to go to the polls before Canada feels the full effect of the U.S. economic slowdown. **REUTERS**

Feds offer veterans compensation

NUCLEAR The federal government said yesterday it would spend up to \$24 million compensating veterans forced to be exposed to Cold War-era nuclear blasts but never recognized for their sacrifices.

The recognition of Canada's so-called atomic veter-

24 The number in millions Canada will offer war veterans affected by nuclear blasts in the Cold War-era.

ans, which comes days before an expected election call, also extends to mili-

tary personnel who decontaminated an Ontario nuclear plant in the 1950s after two reactor accidents.

Earlier this year, some of the veterans launched a class-action lawsuit against Ottawa, saying many had suffered and died from the effects of radiation. **REUTERS**

Bayswater Swissair memorial



Veronique Noceto of France shows the names of her parents on the Swissair Flight 111 memorial to her five-year-old daughter Kaitlyn during the 10th anniversary service in Bayswater, N.S., yesterday. The flight crashed into the water off Nova Scotia on Sept. 2, 1998, claiming the lives of all 229 aboard.

Greens will go to court over debate

POLITICS Green Party Leader Elizabeth May's fight to get a spot in the televised leaders' debates could wind up in the courts.

The Green Party has hired Toronto lawyer Peter Rosenthal to press May's case and is suggesting it could resort to legal action to make sure the party leader is able to join the four other political leaders for the election debates.

"The question is still up in the air, as we understand it, and the legal questions are pretty important. We want to have a focus on those. These are public airwaves. The airwaves belong to no private network," May said in an interview yesterday.

May says she cleared the last hurdle to participating in the debates with her surprise weekend announcement that Independent MP Blair Wilson had decided to sit as a Green MP.

But the stations have yet to rule on her appearance and her participation remains uncertain.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

LAWSUIT The family of Tim McLean is suing Greyhound, the RCMP and the man suspected of committing the gruesome killing of the 22-year-old aboard a bus in rural Manitoba. Vince Weiguang Li, is charged with second degree murder. **REUTERS**



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Dion to adjust Green Shift

CARBON TAX Stéphane Dion is moving to fine-tune his much-disputed carbon tax with up to \$1 billion in promised aid for truckers, farmers, fishing boat owners and others who would feel the direct impact of higher fuel costs under the Liberal leader's environmental plan.

Dion, who is in Winnipeg for a three-day caucus retreat, will today begin announcing changes to his Green Shift proposal, which Liberals admit has prompted alarm among some Canadians.

But the Liberal leader de-

Change coming

Will address:

- Concerns raised by farmers, truckers and fishing boats who would have to pay more for fuel
- The economy's dependence on fossil fuels and possible alternatives

nied he is being forced to water down his proposed "green" strategy to make it saleable in an election campaign expected to be launched this week or over the weekend.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bob Hope fans can say thanks for the memorabilia

Five years after his death at age 100, nearly everything in comedian Bob Hope's Los Angeles home office will be sold in an auction set for Oct. 18-19 in Beverly Hills that is expected to gather between \$200,000 and \$400,000. The sale will benefit U.S. veterans. **REUTERS**

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World



Clooney boosts Obama

George Clooney has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for U.S. presidential candidate Barack Obama through an exclusive event in Geneva, Switzerland. Some 170 contributors paid \$1,000 a head to hear him speak at a cocktail party held in a museum, while 75 more paid \$10,000 to attend a "private dinner". **REUTERS**

City picks up after Gustav

1.9 million evacuees return to New Orleans this week

Workers armed with rakes and brooms fanned out across New Orleans yesterday to clean up after Hurricane Gustav but officials told hundreds of thousands of evacuees to stay away a bit longer.

Half of New Orleans still lacked power and the sewage system was damaged. But floodwaters ebbed, easing pressure on the storm barriers that failed during Hurricane Katrina.

Almost all U.S. energy production in the Gulf of Mexico remained shut Tuesday but little damage was found to refineries. Officials said a return to full output could take two weeks.

Louisiana officials reported six storm-related deaths. Gustav earlier killed nearly 100 people in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica.

With 1.4 million homes and businesses affected, officials said the 1.9 million evacuated citizens should stay away. Business owners

will be allowed into town Wednesday and residents Thursday.

The American Red Cross focused its attentions on had 60,000 people in shelters across the Gulf Monday night.

Some who stayed behind seemed determined to live up to the city's motto - "Let the good times roll." The French Quarter, the heart of the city, began coming back to life as businesses re-

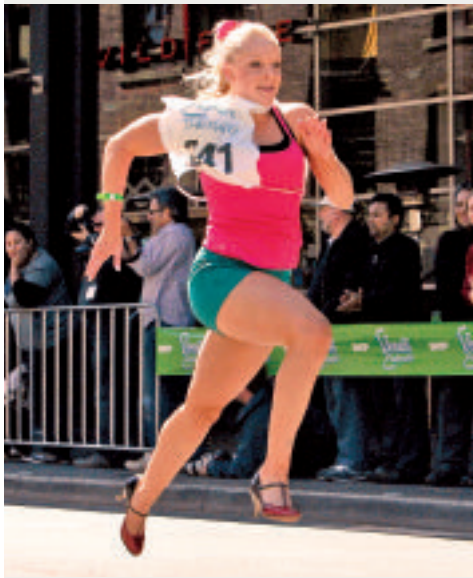
"It's over with. We've got to move on to the next level."

Louis Sahuc

not? It's over with. We've got to move on to the next level," Louis Sahuc said at his gallery, where Gustav ripped off some shutters and punched in windows. Gustav barged ashore on the Gulf Coast Monday as a weaker storm with 110 mph winds. Many feared a repeat of the damage caused by Katrina, the costliest hurricane in U.S. history, which flooded 80 per cent of the city.

REUTERS

Australia Heels of steel



Brittney McGlone, 18, charges to victory in a stiletto sprint race for a prize of A\$5,000 (\$4,250) in Sydney yesterday. Over 260 women broke the world record for the most runners participating in a high-heeled sprint.

Palin controversy fuels motherhood debate

POLITICS Sen. John McCain's selection of Sarah Palin as his Republican vice-presidential running mate has ignited a Mommy War.

Since McCain announced the relatively unknown Alaska governor as his pick last week, emerging news that Palin is running for office while parenting both an infant son with Down Syndrome and a 17-year-old pregnant daughter has sparked both condemnation and commendation.

The party's conservative base so far has rallied around Palin and her daughter, despite its promotion of abstinence education and traditional families. The daughter has chosen to marry the father and keep her child.

"I do believe that some parents can raise their children well and not stay home all the time," said Lindsay Matlock, a volun-

Balancing act

- The average American working mother returns to work 11 weeks after giving birth.

teer at this week's Republican convention.

"My only reservation would be that her son has Down Syndrome and ... her being away so much," she said.

The debate over whether a woman with a new baby should be in a demanding job galls Carol Evans, of Working Mother Media, which publishes Working Mother Magazine.

"The fact that the United States is the only developed country without paid maternity leave should be front and center, not whether (Palin) can go back to work with a four-month old," she said.

REUTERS

Teen suicide rates rising: Researchers

YOUTH A troubling one-year spike in youth suicides in the United States reported last year is not a fluke, researchers said yesterday.

They analyzed the most recent youth suicide data and found rates surged 18 per cent in 2004, and dropped five per cent the following year.

"(The decline) hasn't brought us back to where we would expect rates to be," said Jeff Bridge, whose study appears in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Bridge said the 2004 increase cancels out a decade of declines.

Because the 2004 increase in youth suicides coincided with government warnings about the use of antidepressants in teenagers and adolescents, some doctors suspect they are linked.

"Attention must now be directed toward understanding whether this increase in the youth suicide rate after a decade-long decline reflects an emerging public health crisis," the study said.

REUTERS

Canadian, 16 others feared dead in crash

CONGO A humanitarian plane carrying 17 passengers and crew, including one Canadian citizen, has crashed into a mountain in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and all aboard are feared dead.

A copy of the flight's passenger manifest showed that six were aboard, from France, India, Canada, Congo Republic, South Africa and Britain. The remaining 11 were listed as citizens of Congo.

Humanitarian air

- Air Serv is one of several private companies servicing the community of aid workers operating in Congo.

Rescue helicopters spotted the wreckage of the 19-seat Beechcraft aircraft, contracted by Air Serv International near Congo's eastern border yesterday.

The plane had been on its way to Bukavu from the

city of Kisangani on Monday when it lost contact with ground control as it made its landing approach in bad weather. The difficult terrain and weather meant rescuers could not reach the wrecked plane.

"The aircraft has been found on a steep ridge," Air Serv International said in a statement posted on its website. "Aerial survey by helicopter indicates that there are no known survivors."

REUTERS

News in brief

ST. PAUL Thousands of Ron Paul supporters gathered yesterday to support the former Republican presidential candidate, who has been marginalized at his own party's conven-

tion. The Texas congressman sold more than 10,000 tickets, at \$17.76 each, to a day-long "Rally for the Republic" at a basketball arena near the Republican convention. **REUTERS**

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Bombardier Inc. said its rail subsidiary, in partnership with Germany's Siemens, has won a \$277 million US order to build 121 double-decker rail cars for the federal railway in Switzerland, CBC News Online reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Business

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Oil falls as Gustav spares facilities

Canadian energy stocks, including heavyweights Suncor Energy and Imperial Oil, tumbled with oil and gas prices yesterday after initial assessments showed hurricane Gustav spared major U.S. Gulf production facilities.

Oil fell 5 per cent to \$109.71 US a barrel, and natural gas futures skidded 8.6 per cent to \$7.261 per million British thermal units.

Canadian spot natural gas in Alberta sank to an eight-month low, averaging \$6.13 per gigajoule.

Oil could get stuck in the current range, assuming minimal storm damage to Gulf facilities and slack demand for crude amid the weak U.S. economy. Working against that could be a cut in production from OPEC, which meets next

week, FirstEnergy Capital analyst Martin King said.

But natural gas prices may be in for a further slide, with inventories climbing quickly after moderate North American weather in the second half of August.

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Pumping again

• Full resumption in the Gulf of Mexico, where 25 per cent of U.S. oil and 15 per cent of natural gas is produced, could take a couple of weeks.

THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Sheet Harbour to get facelift:

The community of Sheet Harbour will receive \$500,000 from the Government of Canada to begin the revitalization of its main commercial district. The announcement was made in Sheet Harbour by National Defence and ACOA Minister Peter MacKay. The minister said the revitalization effort is designed to improve the quality of life for area residents and to attract new investment to the community. The federal funds will be used to upgrade the streetscape in the community's commercial district, including enhanced sidewalks and street lighting, as well as the planting of new trees and improved signage.

Generator office opening:

Chris McGregor, general manager of Ontario-based Sommers Motor Generator Sales Ltd. is opening a new Sommers sales office in Halifax. In addition to sales, the Halifax office will offer a local rental fleet of diesel powered 20 kW to 200 kW trailer mounted generator systems. Systems are available for residential, commercial and industrial applications.

Bank announcement today:

The Bank of Canada could decide to cut its key interest rate to 2.75 per cent today, key indicators suggest. The bank's regularly scheduled policy announcement will come today, shortly after Statistics Canada figures pegged the country's economic growth at just 0.3 per cent in the second quarter. That growth was well below the bank's predicted 0.8 per cent growth, which led economists to argue in favour of continued low interest rates. If the bank does cut the rate, it would be the fourth time this year.

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In brief

NEW BROWSER Google Inc.'s new browser software is designed to work "invisibly" and will run any application that runs on Apple's Safari browser, company officials said yesterday. The company said the new web browser, dubbed Google Chrome is now available for download at <http://www.google.com/chrome/>. The public trial of the browser will be available in 43 languages in 100 countries.

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CFL

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers and B.C. Lions pulled off a deal yesterday, with the Bombers sending running back Charles Roberts to B.C. in exchange for running back Joe Smith. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports

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Tiger to welcome new cub

Elin Woods, wife of world No. 1 Tiger, is expecting the couple's second child. "Elin and I are proud to announce we are expecting our second child in late winter," Tiger wrote on his website yesterday. The couple's first baby, daughter Sam Alexis, was born on June 18, 2007.

Reuters

Gillick set to soar back to Jays?

World championship architect could postpone retirement: Source

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Decision-makers in the Blue Jays' hierarchy are seriously thinking of going back to the future.

Again. Sources tell Metro the Jays' ownership is privately pondering the idea of bringing back Pat Gillick to Toronto after this season. Gillick would either work directly under or replace his long-time friend, Jays president Paul Godfrey.

And, before you go off snickering about this, I'll

remind you that these same sources told us back on May 13 that Cito Gaston was a possibility to be rehired as the Jays' manager. That was five weeks before it actually happened. (Look that up at metronews.ca if you'd like a reminder.)

Gillick, of course, was the Jays' general manager during their halcyon days, including their World Series years in 1992 and 1993. He is planning to retire as the Philadelphia Phillies' GM after this season.

As MLB insider Ken Rosenthal reported recently, though, "Gillick is a baseball lifer. Even though he is 71, few envision him walking away."

Godfrey's contract expires after the season. J.P. Ricciardi's pact as the Jays'

Fancy footwork

• Oddsmakers are listing former NFLer Warren Sapp as a 30-to-1 longshot to win the next Danc-

ing with the Stars. Close behind him, at 40-to-1, is 82-year-old actress Cloris Leachman.

GM runs through 2010 but, as Rosenthal reported, he's "in trouble. He creates problems for himself with his bluntness, and in six seasons has yet to produce a playoff team, even though ownership has increased payroll to nearly \$100-million."

• The aforementioned sources whispered the Jays also are ending their long-term affiliation with Syracuse and may move their Triple-A franchise to Columbus, Ohio. Buffalo would make sense, too ... The careers of Jeff Kent and

main running back but he simultaneously is studying osteopathy and plans to become a doctor.

Williams said: "I like to make people feel better," something he did for the Argonauts only after he left them.

• The Argos' Arland Bruce has been fined by the CFL for the Spider-Man mask he wore (not cool, not funny) after a touchdown in Hamilton Monday ... The Winnipeg Blue Bombers will sign former Tiger-Cat quarterback Timmy Chang ... Don't be surprised if Charlie Taaffe will soon be Hamilton's former coach.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Panthers acquire veteran McCabe

NHL Bryan McCabe's stay in Toronto has officially come to an end. The Florida Panthers acquired the veteran defenceman, left, along with a fourth-round pick in 2010 from the Maple Leafs yesterday in exchange for blue-liner Mike Van Ryn.

McCabe, 33, signed a five-year, \$29 million US contract with the Maple Leafs in 2006.

Capitals to retire Gartner's jersey

NHL The Washington Capitals announced yesterday that former star forward Mike Gartner's No. 11 will be retired by the club this season.

Gartner racked up 397 goals and 789 points over 758 games with the Caps. The ceremony is planned for Dec. 28.

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Jays come back to upend Twins

Blue Jays 7 Twins 5

MLB This was something of an out-of-character night for David Purcey and the Blue Jays' offence.

The young left-hander failed to replicate his brilliant start last week in Tampa — an 11-strikeout complete game — lasting just three innings last night against the visiting Minnesota Twins.

Purcey left an untidy scoreboard, a 5-1 deficit which appeared insurmountable given the fact

the Twins protect leads very well and are locked in a battle for first with the White Sox in the AL's Central Division.

But the Jays, with the third-lowest home run total in the AL, erupted for 17 hits, including three home runs in the fifth and sixth innings, to claim a 7-5 victory before an announced crowd of 21,254 at the



Purcey

Rogers Centre.

The Jays have struggled in the homer department all season but had everyone fooled last night.

Their efforts included back-to-back shots in the fifth by Jose Bautista and Alex Rios and a two-run shot in the sixth from Lyle Overbay that put them ahead 6-5.

Rios had himself quite a night, bringing home the seventh run with a double in the eighth. That capped a four-hit, two-RBI night that also saw him score a pair of runs.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sports in brief

TENNIS The iron will of Roger Federer and the burning desire of Novak Djokovic carried them into the quarter-finals of the U.S. Open yesterday. The Swiss star protected his four-year New York reign with a grinding 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 triumph over Russia's Igor Andreev. Weakened by a dodgy stomach and stricken by a hip injury, Djokovic hobbled past 15th-seeded Spaniard Tommy Robredo 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

NFL Jacksonville Jaguars offensive tackle Richard Collier is in critical but stable condition after being shot early yesterday morning outside a Florida apartment complex.

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Toronto	71	66	.518	13½					
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Seattle	54	84	.391	30½	St. Louis at Arizona				
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N.Y. Mets	77	61	.558	—	N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee				
Philadelphia	76	63	.547	1½	Houston at Chicago Cubs				
Florida	70	69	.504	7½	San Francisco at Colorado				
Atlanta	60	79	.432	17½	St. Louis at Arizona				
Washington	53	86	.381	24½	San Diego at L.A. Dodgers				
CENTRAL DIVISION									
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SUNDAY'S GAMES

Toronto at Montreal, 2

Saskatchewan at Winnipeg, 5

CIS FOOTBALL

CANADIAN INTER-UNIVERSITY SPORT GAMES FEATURING THE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE:

FRIDAY'S GAME

Acadia at Saint Mary's, 8

SATURDAY'S GAME

Mount Allison at St. Francis Xavier, 2

The Cape Breton Capers are No. 1 in Canadian Interuniversity Sport's season-opening women's soccer rankings. The Dalhousie Tigers are eighth. On the men's side, the Saint Mary's Huskies check in at sixth spot. **METRO HALIFAX**

A chance to fly with the Wings

Thornton to try out with Stanley Cup champs

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The last thing Cody Thornton expected at the end of the summer was a call from the Stanley Cup champions.

But the Saint Mary's Huskies forward was pleasantly surprised when Detroit Red Wings director of amateur scouting Joe McDonnell contacted him late last month to invite him for the first NHL tryout of his career at age 22.

"He said, 'Hopefully you're in good shape,' and I said, kind of under my breath, 'Thank God I've been working out all summer ... I wasn't doin' it for nothing,'" Thornton said.

Thornton, an Atlantic University Sport all-rookie selection last season after piling up 42 points in 27 games, will play for the Red Wings at an eight-team annual prospects tournament in Traverse City, Mich., from Sept. 13 to 17.

"I was caught off-guard completely," he said. "I had told my agent not even to bother trying to get me a tryout this year. I didn't go looking for it, but it's a great opportunity."

"Thank God I've been working out all summer ... I wasn't doin' it for nothing."

Cody Thornton

The London, Ont., native didn't manage to get any NHL looks during his five-year career in the Ontario Hockey League. He had a career-best 76-point overage campaign in 2006-07, but his size — 5-foot-10 and 175 pounds — likely worked against him. When he got to Saint Mary's, he exploded offensively.

Thornton calls himself a two-way player with tenacity on the puck and the ability to win battles along

the wall.

"Everyone I've played for says I play a lot bigger than I am," he said. "It's the stuff your grittier players can do, but in recent years, I've developed a scoring touch I didn't have before."

The Red Wings have uncovered some quality NHL talent by inviting free-agent prospects to try out — Jason Williams of the Atlanta Thrashers and Sean Avery of the Dallas Stars, to name a few — but haven't signed any since 2003.

They have a history of taking chances on smaller players — see Pavel Datyuk and Jiri Hudler for examples — and Thornton said he'd "jump at the chance" if offered an NHL deal.

"I think I'm ready for the next step," he said.

• Huskies head coach Trevor Stienburg remains hospitalized with a stomach infection. He is on the road to recovery and could be back to work on Oct. 1.



The Detroit Red Wings are hoping that Cody Thornton, a standout with the Saint Mary's Huskies, will be the latest free-agent prospect to work out for the team.



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Moose make roster cuts

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HOCKEY The Halifax Mooseheads have reduced their roster to 28 players by cutting forwards Jeff Marchand and Davey Shea.

Marchand, a Hammonds Plains native and the younger brother of former Mooseheads star Brad, and Shea, a Bedford native, appeared in one pre-season game each.

Marchand's junior rights belong to the Val-d'Or Foreurs, while Shea's belong to the Drummondville Voltigeurs. The

Mooseheads had permission to bring them in for tryouts, but were required to trade for them if either made the team.

The Mooseheads are carrying four goalies, nine defencemen and 15 forwards. They could make as many as four more cuts before opening their 15th regular season on Sept. 12 against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in Sydney.



Davey Shea

Defencemen Richard Greer (groin) and Ben MacAskill (shoulder) are currently out of service with injuries.

Forwards Logan MacMillan (Anaheim Ducks), Tomas Knotek (Minnesota Wild) and Yuri Chernetiev (Boston Bruins) are heading to NHL training camps later this month.

The Mooseheads wrap up the pre-season this weekend by hosting the Moncton Wildcats this Friday at 7 p.m. at the Dartmouth Sportsplex and then visit Moncton to play the Wildcats on Saturday.

Huskies ranked third in nation to open season

CIS The Saint Mary's Huskies are third in Canadian Interuniversity Sport's season-opening football rankings.

Saint Mary's, a Vanier Cup finalist last year with close to 90 per cent of its roster returning, sits behind the top-ranked Laval Rouge et Or and the sec-

ond-ranked Manitoba Bisons.

The Huskies beat Laval in last year's Uteck Bowl and lost to the Bisons in last year's Vanier Cup final.

The Atlantic University Sport season opens on Friday, with the Huskies hosting the Acadia Axemen at 7 p.m.

Truro rider just misses rookie prize

RACING Truro's Brian Blaauwendraat just missed Parts Canada Superbike's rookie-of-the-year award on the weekend. Blaauwendraat placed 10th in the final race of the season in Shannonville, Ont., and was passed in the rookie standings by seventh-place finisher Alex Welsh of Ajax, Ont.

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for Metro Canada

You could say Dodge's Caliber SRT4 is one case where the marketing message meets the metal.

Its snout is bold and sculpted, as is the rear. Large headlamps and tail lamps dominate the corners. Prominent, squared shoulders and protruding wheel arches give the impression the SRT4 is larger than it actually is and help contribute to a tough-guy stance too.

Right, let's get the bread-and-butter stuff on the table first. You can get your Caliber in lesser SE, SXT and R/T trim. The SE and SXT get a 148 hp, 1.8-litre 'four' mated to a five-speed manual transmission.

Their optional automatic is a continuously variable transmission (CVT), which must be mated to the 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine. The sporty R/T combines the CVT with a 172 hp, 2.4-litre four. Prices run in the \$16,000 to \$22,000 range. Incidentally, all-wheel-drive is available on the R/T model.

But when Dodge's Street Racing Technology ... get it, SRT? ... gang created the \$24,995 SRT4, they stuffed in a 285 hp, 2.4-litre turbocharged four-banger and a six-speed stick to strike fear into the heart of god-fearing church-going



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- Bang for the buck

soon in mid-turn; mid-corner bumps can also unsettle it and the optional F1 tires aren't too happy with wet pavement.

That said, anyone looking for great value, reasonable fuel economy, great performance, versatile storage capacity and innovative features, the Caliber measures up.

econoboxes of all stripes.

At \$26,170, as tested, our SRT4 included Goodyear F1 performance tires on polished wheels (\$250) and a \$925 Option group comprising mostly minor and frivolous frills.

Inside, the SRT4 doesn't seem like a compact. The front compartment is quite roomy, and the 60/40-split rear seats are comfortable enough for two. Legroom is limited for the middle passenger because of the floor-mounted cupholders.

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seat for a classic legs-out, low-slung sports car driving position.

If you need a lift to see out, however, the manual pump-action seat adjuster trades thigh support for seat height in a way that might not suit all body types.

But the best thing about this hot Caliber, apart from its bang for the buck, is its exhilarating combination of rapid acceleration, good shift action, informative steering, firmly cushioned (if a bit choppy) ride, terrific handling and satisfying hard-edged snarl



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from the exhaust system. But, be advised, torque steer is at times prodigious, as is the front end's tendency to 'wash out' if you get on the power too

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Cars such as this diesel-powered Jetta SportsWagen give the much-maligned fuel a good name.

cent. Today's clean diesel vehicles comply with all

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A monk moment

TheTravelJunkie

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It's 3:45 a.m., and I've been awakened by the loud banging of a wooden percussion instrument. I slip into my itchy grey training suit and make my way blindly up a set of stone steps. At the top, a monk is ceremoniously striking a drum while sleepy tourists silently file into temple.

Here at the Lotus Lantern International Meditation Centre, a two-hour drive from Seoul, South Korea, visitors can spend a night experiencing the life of a monk. This 12-year-old temple complex was designed for foreigners looking to study Buddhism.

Tourists sleep on a traditional Korean cot, wake up at the crack of dawn, eat simple food, wash their own dishes, meditate and learn the philosophical principles of Zen Buddhism. Though an overnight stay is short, the goal is to inspire visitors to learn more.

My introduction to monkhood begins in the golden temple with some early morning chanting. Breathing deeply, I take in my surroundings: The smell of incense, a gleaming gold statue of Buddha, the deep hum of meditative monks.

Reciting the "Bopsheen Jeerionh," the monks pre-



A monk at the Lotus Lantern International Meditation Centre in South Korea solemnly rings a bell. The centre comprises a temple complex designed for foreigners looking to study Buddhism.

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pare for their prostrations — 108 prostrations, to be exact. Hands pressed together, bending down to the kneeling position, I try to follow their lead.

I place my forehead to the floor and my palms on the ground. Part squat, part push up, part penitence, the prostrations are strenuous and hard on the knees. After 20, I start to question whether I can do all 108.

"The greater pain your body feels the heavier negative karma you have," reads a nearby sign. By this logic, I'm ridden with bad karma. Blood pumping and knees cracking, I continue to struggle with the prostrations while the monks perform their early

morning ritual calmly and with ease. Clearly, I need some practice at this spiritual practice. From the temple, our group of wannabe monks move to the meditation room.

Sitting crossed-legged on a cushion, I sit up straight and try to clear my mind. "Meditation is a tool which helps us be present in the moment, rather than living in the past or the future," says Alexander, a Russian monk who's been studying here for the past five years. Counting my breaths in and out, I feel relaxed, my mind concentrated.

But my focus doesn't last long. A pesky mosquito buzzes around me like a kamikaze pilot, coming in for a crash landing.

Since Buddhists don't believe you should kill living creatures (blood-sucking mosquitoes included) I have no choice but to gently swat it away and try to regain my meditative focus.

Normally, my mind is continually making to-do lists, so meditation doesn't come easily. It's hard for me to imagine how monks such as Alexander are able to spend most of their days dedicated to the pursuit. After the experience, I realize that while I'm drawn to the philosophical principles of Buddhism (living in the present moment, renouncing desire for money and material objects) when I come face to face with worldly pleasures, I crack.

For example, the monks believe that food is meant to sustain the body for enlightenment rather than for enjoyment. But I'm not nearly disciplined enough to think of nirvana when faced with temporary indulgences like banana splits, bacon cheeseburgers or eggs Benedict.

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Sir Paul McCartney has written a love song for his girlfriend Nancy Shevell that will reportedly be on his new album. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Seth Rogen was forced to cut a hardcore drug scene from his new movie Pineapple Express because the footage was deemed too explicit for British viewers. [it. IMDB.COM](http://it.imdb.com)

Local voices heard nationally

PHILIP CROUCHER
for Metro Halifax



Several popular East Coast musicians will be enjoying some national exposure over the next nine weeks.

East Coast Sessions, which was broadcast regionally in the Maritimes on CBC during the National Hockey League playoffs last spring, is now set to be shown across Canada starting tonight on CBC's digital channel Bold.

East Coast Sessions is a nine-part weekly series featuring live, intimate performances from some of Atlantic Canada's top musicians.

Episodes will run every Wednesday on Bold starting with tonight's first show featuring Halifax's Meaghan Smith. Old Man Luedecke will also be performing during the 30-minute episode which begins at 7 p.m.

If you can't watch on Wednesdays, East Coast Ses-



Meaghan Smith will be the first singer-songwriter featured tonight on the CBC Television series East Coast Sessions.

sions will be re-broadcast on Bold every Thursday at midnight.

"It's great they're going to run nationally. We want these pieces to have as big an audience as they possibly can get," said Geoff D'Eon, the executive pro-

ducer for arts and entertainment for CBC Maritimes. "I would hope that for these artists, it's all part and parcel of their marketing plans, but in some way, it would contribute to the word getting out about them."

Other artists performing on East Coast Sessions in the next two months include Gordie Sampson, Joel Plaskett, Jenn Grant and Jill Barber. Each episode was filmed at the CBC studios in Halifax.

"It's really designed for

music lovers," D'Eon said. "It's not a very complicated show. It's just designed as a nice place to play and listen to music."

The show has all ready received national recognition as it is up for a Gemini award for best variety pro-

gram or series. D'Eon is hopeful another season will be in the works for East Coast Sessions, as the talent is certainly there for it.

"If I had to do another 10 of those shows, it would not be hard to find the talent to fit the bill," D'Eon replied.

If you watch

- The nine-week lineup for East Coast Sessions, which airs on CBC TV's digital channel Bold at 7 p.m.
- Meaghan Smith and Old Man Luedecke will be featured on tonight's episode.
- Future performers include Joel Plaskett and Fall Horsie (Sept. 10), Jenn Grant and Andrew White (Sept. 17), Hey Rosetta and Amelia Curran (Sept. 24), Rose Cousins and Nathan Wiley (Oct. 8), David Myles and Rose Cousins (Oct. 15), Gordie Sampson and Fall Horsie (Oct. 22), and Catherine MacLellan and Joel Plaskett (Oct. 29).

Local meteorologist tests his mettle on CBC show

PHILIP CROUCHER
for Metro Halifax



Halifax meteorologist Richard Zurawski is used to taking flack for occasionally giving a not-so-accurate weather forecast.

Now, Zurawski could be in the line of fire for something else — his knowledge of Canadian history.

Zurawski, along with weather forecasters from across Canada, will be one of the six teams participating in the latest installment of CBC's Test The Nation quiz show. The newest episode, which was taped earlier this summer, will air this Sunday at 7 p.m. and is titled Canada, Eh?

"Let me just say, we're smart, but not as smart as we think we are," Zurawski said of his fellow weather forecasters. "But being professional liars has its advantages."

Zurawski, the meteorol-

ogist for Rogers News 95.7 radio station in Halifax, is one of two local weather forecasters participating in the show.

The other is CBC Nova Scotian meteorologist Peter Coade.



Richard Zurawski

The weather forecasters will face teams consisting of the military, new Canadians, American-Canadians, tour guides and what is being dubbed Reach For The Topers.

All questions will be related to either Canadian sports, music, movies, inventions, politics and/or culture.

"Personally, I did very, very well and I'm sticking to that story," Zurawski said laughing.

"If (our team) doesn't win, it has nothing to do with me."

Viewers can take the test during the show by going to www.cbc.ca/testthenation.

In brief

PERFORMANCE Singer-songwriter Kathleen Edwards of Ottawa will be performing an intimate show at The Seahorse Tavern on Sept. 15. Special guest is Jim Bryson. Edwards is a multiple Juno award nominee who will be performing in support of her newest release, Asking For Flowers. Tickets go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. and are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

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FAMILY CONCERT Sonic Concerts is presenting Franklin's Family Christmas Concert on Nov. 23 at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium in Halifax. The show will feature all the Woodland characters, with tickets going on sale Friday at noon at the Dalhousie Arts Centre box office. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call 494-3820 or visit artscentre.da.ca for tickets.

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Guitar Man dead at 71

Singer and actor Jerry Reed, known as The Guitar Man of country music, has died. **REUTERS**

Summer movie hits and misses

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada



Like a long-weekend barbecue, this past summer movie season delivered a smorgasbord that featured some inevitable winners and losers. There were thick, juicy grilled steaks like *The Dark Knight* ... and then there was the rank potato salad of *The Love Guru*.

So, as summer winds down, Metro looks back at some of these small victories and big flops, helping narrow down your autumn DVD rental/illegal Internet streaming choices.

Not happening — Up there with aliens and dead people, M. Night Shyamalan's *The Happening* pinpoints humankind's next logical fear: nature fighting back! Shyamalan tries to stay hip by addressing today's concerns of climate change through the thriller movie medium. *The Happening* fails in story, acting, concept and pretty much every avenue of suspense.

Brotherly love — Will Ferrell resurrects his love-hate bromance with John C. Reilly in the hilarious *Step Brothers*. The duo prompts guffaws with their portrayal of grown men living at home, creating the hell for their par-



The Dark Knight, starring Heath Ledger, was a summer hit.

ents children from five through 25 typically do. Ferrell expresses exaggeration without going over the top, bringing us back to his *Zoolander* days.

Trade in the Ford — Oh, how Harrison Ford must need a paycheck. Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull sees the duo trudge through the jungle on a journey to replace an ancient quartz skull to its home. As if the introduction of interdimensional aliens wasn't enough of an indication that this franchise has seen one too many renewals, Jones's secret life-saving weapon — a refrigerator — surely is.

Knight is king — Even if you detest action films and/or comic book adaptations, it's difficult to knock

The Dark Knight. While Christian Bale's Batman sounds like a cross between Yoda and Godfather Don Corleone, at least Heath Ledger's Joker pulls a posthumous punch as the film's antagonist.

Chopra wannabe — Mike Myers' *The Love Guru* sees Myers as Guru Pitka, trying to crack the American self-help industry. The Guru is unfunny, an unparalleled character to Austin Powers and simply unfortunate. With childish genital jokes and awkward-in-a-bad-way comedic attempts by Jessica Alba and Justin Timberlake, *The Love Guru* is less than transcendental. The *Love Guru* pokes fun at Canadians worse than a Just For Laughs Gags marathon.

L.A. Confidential tops culture list

MOVIES L.A. Confidential has topped a new list of films made about Los Angeles culture, imdb.com reports.

The 1997 cop drama beat *Boogie Nights* and *Jackie Brown* in the new Los Angeles Times newspaper poll. The top three films all came out in 1997.

The Top 10:

1. L.A. Confidential
2. Boogie Nights
3. Jackie Brown
4. Boyz n the Hood
5. Beverly Hills Cop
6. The Player
7. Clueless
8. Repo Man
9. Collateral
10. The Big Lebowski

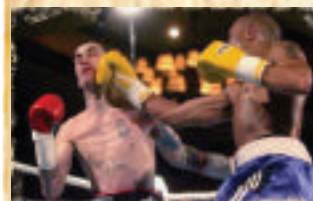
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In brief

STAGE The Pussycat Dolls are reportedly set to star in a new musical movie loosely based on their lives, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singers are said to be considering scripts which focus on the history of the band and allow them to showcase their acting skills.

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Kruger takes Tarantino role

Diane Kruger has joined the cast of Quentin Tarantino's upcoming film *Inglorious Bastards*. She will play Bridget Von Hammersmark, an actress who gets caught up in a plot to attack the Nazis. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**



Sometimes life imitates television

PALINDROME: Republican presidential candidate John McCain's choice of Alaska governor Sarah Palin as his running mate has fuelled a media frenzy that hasn't exactly been edifying to watch. First of all there was a seedy rumour suggesting that Palin had faked her recent pregnancy to cover for her oldest daughter's maternity, a rumour that was duly rubbished when news broke that the same 17-year-old daughter was actually pregnant.

The first breathless rumour was actually a plotline from the recent season of *Desperate Housewives*, and it's not the only attempt made in the last week to describe Palin and McCain with a vocabulary of TV metaphors. The *Boston Globe* ran a "separated at birth" comparison between the Republican candidates and Col. Tigh and President Lara Roslin from *Battlestar Galactica*, which was kinda clever when you looked at four carefully chosen photos placed next to each other,

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and contemplated the whole "junior member of executive branch suddenly thrust into position of leadership" meme that seems to fascinate everyone.

Of course, you'd have to overlook the inconvenient childlessness of Roslin versus the apparent superfecundity of Palin, and try to forget that McCain has both of his eyes, hasn't killed his wife for spying, and isn't a Cylon. But don't try to tell that to the Democrats. Frankly, this is all getting too geeky for me — let's move on.

Next in line was writer and producer Rod Lurie and producer Rod Lurie speculating to the *Hollywood Reporter* that the Republican party owes him a credit for the McCain/Palin ticket, as it's an eerie echo



Republican presidential candidate John McCain's choice of Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate has fuelled a media frenzy.

of Commander In Chief, his ABC series starring Geena Davis as the first female president that was cancelled during its first season three years ago.

"It's unbelievable isn't it?" said Lurie. "I think that Geena and I need to be paid royalties by the Re-

publicans."

Lurie, an Obama supporter, should have paused before hitting the cocky button, since his prophetic role is dependent on McCain winning and dying in office, necessitating the unprecedented swearing-in of his vice-

president. It would also help if Palin was a liberal Democrat, parachuted in to support a weak Republican campaign, and not a pro-life, pro-gun Republican.

During its brief lifespan, Commander In Chief was both celebrated and criti-

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cized for being preemptive propaganda for a Hillary Clinton presidential run that was once presumed to be a sure thing — it seems like so long ago now, doesn't it? Of course, if you buy Lurie's logic, he should be paying royalties to Geraldine Ferraro.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Hollywood's top voice dies at 68

DEATH Voiceover legend Don Lafontaine has died after suffering from a collapsed lung, imdb.com reports. The dramatic star, known as the King of Voiceovers, died at Los Angeles' Cedars-Sinai Medical Center on Monday, aged 68. During his lengthy career, Lafontaine lent his booming vocal chords to more than 5,000 movie trailers and 300,000 radio and TV commercials, including advertisements for corporate giants such as McDonalds, Coca-Cola and Budweiser.

Montreal festival picks Japan film

ACCOLADES The Montreal World Film Festival gave its top jury prize to Japanese director Yojiro Takita's *Okuribito* (Departures), while the top audience awards went to Canadian documentary filmmaker Benoit Pilon's debut fiction drama *The Necessities of Life*, Reuters reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

In brief

MUSIC The original artwork for The Rolling Stones' iconic lips and tongue symbol has been bought for \$92,500 by London's Victoria and Albert Museum, BBC News Online reports.

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critics' corner

Supersize vs Superskinny

If Morgan Spurlock has a problem with that title, they can always change it to "Trading Plates." In each episode of this new series, a British import, an overweight person switches diets for five days with someone who could stand to put on a few pounds. In the end, each is given a sensible diet to follow, but in the meantime, the idea is to teach them that there are other ways to eat besides too much or too little. Dr. Christian Jensen hosts. 10 PM on W



The Riches

On the road again? Can he get back to you? The second season of this acclaimed drama series about a family of Irish Travellers masquerading as normal folks begins with Wayne (Eddie Izzard) ready to abandon the scam and hit the bricks once more. In fact, he's already sent his family off while he stays behind in Eden Falls to clean up the mess. But the straight life has grown on him, and he's having second thoughts. Minnie Driver also stars. 11 PM on SHOW

Actor Mel Gibson has quashed speculation surrounding his love life following reports he has become close to Russian singer Oksana. She is reportedly just a colleague. **THE DAILY MAIL**

Celebrity Buzz

LeAnn Rimes and husband ready for baby

RELATIONSHIPS With their anniversary fast approaching, LeAnn Rimes and Dean Sheremet knew just how to scratch their "seven-year itch": with a party — and soon, perhaps, a baby, *People.com* reports.

"We're ready, definitely," says Rimes, adding that they've gotten some friendly nudging from their pal and new dad Keith Urban. Says Rimes: "He's encouraging us to start gettin' on it!"

The country star and her husband invited 30 of their closest friends to celebrate their upcoming seventh wedding anniversary — and Rimes' 26th birthday on Aug. 28 — at the Calistoga

Ranch in California's Napa Valley.

"We wanted to remember how blessed we are, and how excited we still are about each other," says Rimes, who was just 19 when she wed Sheremet, now 27, on Feb. 23, 2002. (They decided to celebrate early to take advantage of the warm weather and Rimes's birthday.)

The three-day festivities culminated with a seven-course dinner and an evening of dancing on Saturday night.

"My ankles and my feet hurt because I was jumping around on the dance floor so much!" she says.

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Piven's 'antics' cost him

CAREER Entourage star Jeremy Piven has been forced to deny his "diva" antics cost him the job of hosting a forthcoming fashion event in New York, *imdb.com* reports.

The actor hosted Fashion Rocks in 2007 but this year he has been replaced by Rescue Me star Denis Leary, amid rumours that Piven's outlandish demands infuriated staff at last year's event.



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A source tells New York Post gossip column Page-Six that the star demanded a separate backstage green room and insisted on rewriting the script at the last minute.

"(Piven) was a nightmare," the source says. "And it wasn't even funny. (This year will see) a more trustworthy and mature host."

Newton refuses film kiss due to illness

MOVIE Thandie Newton refused to film her sex scene with Gerard Butler in RocknRolla because he was ill, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The actress, who plays accountant Stella in Guy Ritchie's new movie, insisted the scene didn't involve her kissing him after she realized how sick Butler was.



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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Justin Timberlake isn't in a rush to wed his girlfriend Jessica Biel. Duly noted. So I've been watching my mailbox for an invitation lately in vain. I'm not going to be fooled by JT again, after those years with Cameron Diaz came to naught. It's fairly clear that his people want you to believe he's not the marryin' kind, he's too busy bringin' sexy back, whatever that means. Kind of a Frank Sinatra but with more hair and less Nelson Riddle Orchestra.

What really interests me about this story is that Joey Fatone is the messenger. What's Joey really thinking as he relates this news? Is he happy the press still talks to him? Is he thinking this is a role he has to accept in life, being the 'N Sync band guy who people ask about Timberlake? Is this all because his name spells out "fat one?"

Fatone says "...if it ain't broke don't fix it" about JT's relationship with Biel, but he should know that something is broken, and it's his career. He should be asking his people when he's going to be the guy they're talking about in connection with some impossibly hot starlet.

He's got to stop taking those calls that say, "Joey, we need you to talk to a reporter to deny that Timberlake is cheating."

If fame is the desirable mate to be wooed, Joey Fatone is in danger of becoming the perennial nice guy who never gets any.

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celebrity briefs

Thiessen moves on after 90210

PEOPLE TV Former Beverly Hills, 90210 actress Tiffani Thiessen has no intention of joining her old castmates on the set of the new spin-off show — insisting she has moved on, *imdb.com* reports. The star played Valerie Malone in the hit U.S. teen series alongside Shannen Doherty.

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Pregnancy cravings for Rebecca Romijn

HEALTH Forget pickles and ice cream. Rebecca Romijn has her own unusual pregnancy cravings, *People.com* reports. "Lemonade always has to be in our fridge," said husband Jerry O'Connell.

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No rush for Justin

MARRIAGE Justin Timberlake is in no rush to wed girlfriend Jessica Biel, according to his former 'N Sync bandmate Joey Fatone, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The singer has been romancing the actress since early last year, when she joined him at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah.

But according to Fatone, Timberlake isn't planning to wed Biel in the near future, despite taking their relationship much more seriously than his former flames.

"I think he finally met somebody that he wants to spend the rest of his life with," Fatone says. "You never know (about an engagement), but I don't know if it's the appropriate time right now. You know what, I think he is just playing it by ear. If it ain't broke don't fix it."

Biel herself appears to be in no rush to walk down the aisle. Adding to *Us Weekly* in a recent interview, she says: "The actual idea of signing those papers and doing all this stuff... I've never been someone who's like, 'I have to, have to, have to have it.'"

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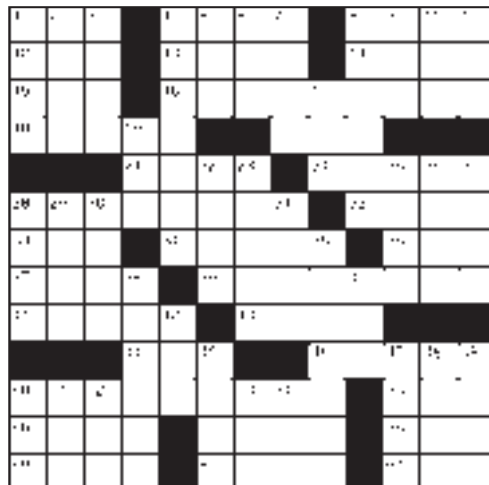


Winehouse turns to Buddhism

Amy Winehouse, reportedly inspired by fellow singer Tina Turner, has begun to seek solace in the religion Buddhism. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**



Take Five



Crossword down

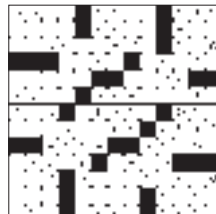
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- 19 B&B
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- 25 Rip
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- 27 Upright (Pref.)
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- 29 "Simpsons" bus driver
- 30 Mideast gulf
- 31 Gambling game
- 35 Arachnophobe's worry
- 38 Where to find Sarajevo
- 40 Inseparable
- 42 In medias —
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- 13 Therefore
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- 15 Rowboat need
- 16 UV protection
- 18 Measure for Noah
- 20 "Chicago" lyricist
- 21 Mrs. Nick Charles
- 24 Squabble
- 28 Michael Jackson move
- 32 Raise up
- 33 \$ dispenser
- 34 Footwear
- 36 Model Carol
- 37 Impale
- 39 Screened-in veranda
- 41 Esteem
- 43 Slay
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- 50 Still brew
- 55 Atmosphere
- 56 "The King —"
- 57 Majesty predecessor
- 58 "CSI" evidence
- 59 Arp's style
- 60 Long sandwiches
- 61 Firmament

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

An upbeat chat will liven up a meal. Move quickly to calm an offended person. Keep a tight grip on your spending.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Expect to work hard behind the scenes. A dynamic woman engages in high stakes manipulation. A good-for-nothing guy will make you nutty.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Get serious about having fun. A radical person drops by. Leap over tall obstacles when the chips are down.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Beautiful advances are made by a humble person. Hold yourself aloof in upsetting situations. An unfair comment will be explained and forgiven.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Someone is stronger than you feel. An optimistic person will say impulsive things. Your overindulgence will disturb others.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

An unruly group welcomes your interference. You want to romp with someone but plans must be pursued. A special occasion causes excitement.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A meeting can clear up a misunderstanding. Denial becomes a family concern. Give a gift to someone who is lonely.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Your past consideration will turn a new page in your life. Resist the temptation to waste time. Be patient when someone backs away.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Try to focus energy on your money situation. Look for tenderness before boredom sets in. A procrastinator is in denial.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Tight spots will be easier to slip out of now. Improve your understanding of relationship woes. You are tired of being stuck in a rut.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Your love power is turned back on. Buy yourself some luxuries. A tall man tends to be too intense.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

A friend is determined to have his own way. Debts may cause minor embarrassment. Don't be wishy-washy about taking action.

Sudoku

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This day in history

- SEPT. 3, 1492: Christopher Columbus sets sail from Palos de la Frontera, Spain.
- SEPT. 3, 1678: Robert LaSalle builds the Le Griffon, the first known ship built in America.
- SEPT. 3, 1783: Mount Asama erupts in Japan, killing 35,000 people.
- SEPT. 3, 1934: Adolf Hitler becomes the supreme leader of Germany by joining the offices of President and Chancellor into Führer.
- SEPT. 3, 1949: National Basketball Association is founded in the United States.
- SEPT. 3, 1958: The Billboard Hot 100 is founded.
- SEPT. 3, 1960: Niger gains independence from France.

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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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Under 13: Genius
13-17: Scholar

17-21: Smart
21-25: Not bad

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Saturday Rain. 19° / 17° 90%

Temperature Normals
High: 20.4°
Low: 12.3°

Records
High: 28.5°/1999
Low: 5.6°/1970

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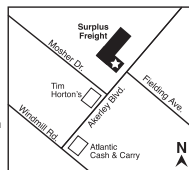
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